

Ross Lesson 32: Guttural Weak Verbs in Qal Stem LECTURE NOTES

1. Introduction to Irregular Verbs (Ross 32.1)

Strong verbs: Verbal roots normal, healthy, don't need a doctor. Root letters are not weak. (What we've covered so far.)

Weak/irregular verbs: These are SICK, SICK, SICK! Need a hospital. Need a doctor. Root letters are needy and create problems for others and themselves: gutturals, letters that quiesce, assimilate, etc. (Ross Lessons 32-39.)

System for labelling weak verbs: 3 ways to describe the root letter that is weak.

1. Using the paradigm verb פָּעַל ('to do, make'), the 3 letters of that verb are a key for describing that root position. So פ stands for Root-1 (R-1), ע for R-2, and ל for R-3. Thus,

נִפְּל is a *Pē'-Nun* verb

בְּנֵה is a *Lamed-Hē'* verb, etc.

2. Use of Roman numbers I, II, and III to indicate root position of the weak letter.

נִפְּל is a I-Nun verb

בְּנֵה is a III-Hē' verb, etc.

3. Finally, some have used the abbreviation R1, R2, and R3.

נִפְּל is a R1-Nun verb

בְּנֵה is a R3-Hē' verb, etc.

2. I-Gutt Verbs (Ross 32.2)

REVIEW: 3 characteristics of Guttural verbs

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

2.1. Qal Impf (Ross 32.2.1)

Reminder: Active/dynamic verbs vs. Stative verbs

Active/dynamic		Stative	
פָּקַד		כָּבַד	
יִפְקַד		יִכְבֵּד	
יַעֲמַד		יִחַזֵּק	
תַּעֲמַד		תִּחַזֵּק	
תַּעֲמַד		תִּחַזֵּק	
תַּעֲמַדִּי		תִּחַזְּקִי	
אֶעֱמַד		אֶחַזֵּק	

2.2. Qal Impv (Ross 32.2.2): Chop off the head (the nutty-prefix), R1 needs a CS instead of VS with no inflectional suffix.

2ms	פָּקַד	עֲמַד	חַזֵּק
2fs	פָּקַדִּי	עֲמַדִּי	חַזְּקִי
2mp			
2fp			

2.3. Qal INFC (Ross 32.2.3): Normal pointing

Bare infc: עמד

Infc + ל: עמד

Infc + sfx: עמד

3. I-Aleph Verbs (Ross 32.3)

2 kinds of I-Aleph verbs: the SICK ones (following normal I-Gutt behavior, so still weak), and the NAUGHTY ones (should be institutionalized due to their behavior!).

Normal/sick ones follows the same Active/Stative patterns mentioned above, except that Aleph prefers segol and hateph-segol:

Active: יֶאֱסֹף 'he will gather'

Stative: יֶאֱהֵב 'he will love'

Naughty ones: Discussed below. There are 5 that exhibit the naughty behavior, to be remembered by the following memory device:

He said (אָמַר): I am willing (אָבֵה) to eat (אָכַל) whatever I bake (אָפֵה), even if I perish (אָבַד).

3.1. Qal Impf (Ross 32.3.1)

יֹאמֵר	
תֹּאמַר	
תֹּאמְרֵי	
תֹּאמְרֵי	
אֹמֵר (אֹמְרֵי)	

3.2. Qal Impv and Infc (Ross 32.3.2)

Qal Imperative

2ms	אָמַר
2fs	אָמְרִי
2mp	אָמְרוּ
2fp	אָמְרֶנָּח

Qal INFC:

Bare infc:	אמר	אכל
Infc + ל:	אמר	אכל
Infc + sfx:	אמר	אכל